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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 1478 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ANKARA BONN
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QUOTE

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) - FINAL ACTION ON DETENTE

1. IN VOTE ON NONALIGNED DRAFT REFERRING TO HELSINKI ALL
REPEAT ALL NATO MEMBERS HELD THE LINE. FRANCE FRG, UK, US,
ITALY, CANADA AND TURKEY VOTED NO. AUSTRIA ABSTAINED.
TWENTY-TWO VOTES FOR. WESTERN DELS IN GENEVA WERE SURPRISED
AT THEIR GOVERNMENTS' ABILITY TO VOTE NO. AS WELL AS AT US
ABILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF THEIR INCLINATIONS. KEY TO OUR
SUCCESS ON THIS ISSUE WAS THAT FRANCE HELD STRONG WITHIN EC 9.

2. ON MOTION OF YUGOSLAVIA, COMMISSION DECIDED NOT TO CON-
SIDER RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY SOVIETS OR US AND WESTERN CO-
SPONSORS. PREDICTABLY SOVIETS WERE SO PLEASED

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WITH NONALIGNED DRAFT THAT THEY VOTED NOT TO CONSIDER

THEIR OWN RESOLUTION AND OF COURSE YUGOSLAVIANS HAVE
NO INTEREST IN VOTING ON US DRAFT AFFIRMING HELSINKI
HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS.

3. TEXT OF US STATEMENT SENT SEPTTEL. STATEMENTS BY
FRANCE, UK, AND FRG ADEQUATELY TOLD WESTERN
POSITION. MOST IMPORTANT FACT OF TODAY WAS WESTERN
SOLIDARITY IN VOTING AGAINST SOVIET INSPIRED EFFORT TO
TINKER WITH HELSINKI. DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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